

Partnership with Local Jurisdictions

Who makes the decisions on the I-405 project?

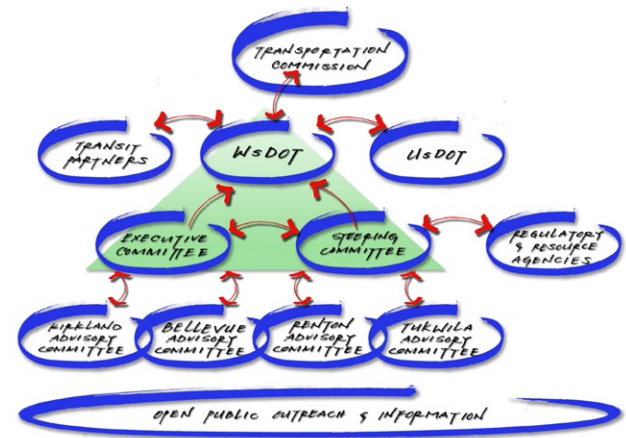
The Executive Committee, Funding & Phasing Subcommittee, and Steering Committee support the ultimate decisions made by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

The **Executive Committee** guided the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement process and continues to provide vision, policy, and oversight in the implementation of the I-405 Corridor Program. It is comprised of elected officials from I-405-area communities, King and Snohomish counties and the state Legislative, as well as representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, Sound Transit, the Puget Sound Regional Council and other agencies. The Committee provides policy direction to the Project Management Team and members serve as advocates for the project.

A **Funding and Phasing Subcommittee** of the Executive Committee is responsible for sifting through the many funding and project options. This includes evaluating trade-offs between technical feasibility, environmental acceptability, costs, performance and political acceptability. The subcommittee makes recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The **Steering Committee** is composed of senior staff from corridor cities, environmental resource agencies, state and federal transportation agencies, transit agencies, and others. The Steering Committee provides technical review and guidance to the Executive Committee and the Project Management Team.

The **Project Management Team** is responsible for providing the day-to-day guidance to the project and process. It is made up of staff from WSDOT and a General Engineering Consultant team. The Project Management Team is responsible for all aspects of managing the project, including timely and adequate communication, reports on progress, identification of issues, and recommendations to the Steering and Executive Committees.



The I-405 Corridor is a Community-Based Partnership established in 1999 that includes:

- 35 agencies
- 24 Concurring Organizations
- 5 Co-Lead Agencies
- 3 Legislative Representatives

What decisions remain to be made?

With consensus in place on the mix of improvements, the funding and phasing of specific improvements is the main focus of the steering and executive committees moving forward. On the Nickel Projects, for which funding is already in place, community advisory committees will provide guidance on options and issues that arise during the environmental review and preliminary engineering work that is underway. Decisions on the larger Implementation Plan will continuously be made by project staff and committees to reflect the available revenue.

In cities where I-405 projects are currently being designed, **Community Advisory Committees**, made up of citizens, business owners, elected officials, and staff, are meeting to review and give input to preliminary designs, environmental studies, and context sensitive solutions (CSS). CSS encompasses the look and feel of the corridor from within, and approaching the highway, taking community priorities into consideration.